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## NEWS

### *Air Pollution*

#### **EPA Ordered to Issue Particulate Matter Plan for Texas**

The Environmental Protection Agency must issue a federal plan for Texas to prevent the state's particulate matter emissions from interfering with efforts by neighboring states to meet air quality standards, the U.S. District Court...

### *Budget*

#### **House Republicans Add More Riders to EPA Spending Bill**

House appropriators piled more policy riders onto legislation to fund the Environmental Protection Agency June 15, approving measures to limit the president's authority to designate national monuments and delay revisions to offshore...

### *Chemicals*

#### **European Commission Publishes Delayed Endocrine Disruptors Criteria**

The European Commission proposed June 15 that a World Health Organization standard be used as the basis for identifying endocrine-disrupting substances under European Union pesticides and biocides laws, a long-awaited announcement that...

### *Chemicals*

#### **NTP Weighing Glyphosate, Pesticide Formulation Studies**

The National Toxicology Program may study the cancer and other hazards of glyphosate compared to products that combine it with other ingredients, according to a presentation an NTP scientist made June 15. ...

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### *Chemicals*

#### **Small Businesses Weigh in on EPA Rules for Three Solvents**

The Environmental Protection Agency has launched two advisory panels for small businesses to provide feedback the agency may impose on three solvents, according to a recent agency update....

### *Chesapeake Bay*

#### **Maryland Announces \$23M in Grants for Chesapeake Restoration**

Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan (R) June 15 announced \$23.25 million in grants for projects to reduce the state's contribution of nonpoint source pollution to the Chesapeake Bay watershed. ...

### *Climate Change*

#### **Banks Step Back From Coal, Support Other Fossil Fuels**

Some of the biggest banks in North America and Europe pledged to restrict financing for the coal industry over the past year amid declining demand and a string of bankruptcies. ...

### *Climate Change*

#### **Chamber Lobbying at Odds With Members' Climate Views: Report**

Lobbying efforts by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce against Obama administration efforts on climate change are deeply at odds with the perspectives of its board members, eight members of the Senate Democratic caucus said in a report June 15....

### *Climate Change*

#### **Climate Change Claims First Mammal Extinction, Study Says**

Australian researchers say human-induced climate change has caused the first recorded extinction of a mammal after they failed to find the rodent on the minute Great Barrier Reef island it called home....

### *Climate Change*

#### **France First Industrialized Country to Ratify Paris Climate Accord**

France became the first large, industrialized country to formally ratify the Paris Agreement on climate change June 15, while Norway took ambitious steps that showed its ratification could be imminent. ...

### *Climate Change*

#### **UN Agency: Hottest Northern Hemisphere Spring Ever**

The Northern Hemisphere's spring was the hottest ever recorded, and May continued a streak of eight consecutive months of unprecedented global warmth, according to data released June 14 from the World Meteorological Organization (WMO)...

### *Climate Regulation*

#### **EPA, Opponents Divided on New Power Plant Briefing Schedule**

Both the Environmental Protection Agency and states and industry groups challenging the agency's carbon dioxide standards for new power plants agree that the briefing schedule in the current litigation will need to be reset to accommodate...

#### *Climate Regulation*

##### **Landfill Methane Standards Under White House Review**

The White House Office of Management and Budget is reviewing a pair of regulations that would further limit methane emissions from solid waste landfills....

#### *Coal Mining*

##### **Abandoned Mine Reclamation Bills Pass House Panel**

A pair of bills passed a House committee June 15 aimed at improving funding for the cleanup of abandoned mines....

#### *Energy*

##### **Cantwell: House Willing to Drop Some Energy Bill Provisions**

House members expressed an interest in dropping some of the controversial measures from their energy bill during a meeting on sending an energy bill to conference, but more work remains to be done, Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.) told Bloomberg...

#### *Energy*

##### **Eighth Circuit Finds Energy Act Unconstitutional**

The U.S. Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals rejected as unconstitutional a Minnesota law that sought to bar the importation of energy that could contribute to carbon dioxide emissions (N.D. v. Heydinger, 8th Cir., Nos. 14-2156 and 14-2251, 6/15/16)....

#### *Energy*

##### **Pennsylvania: Yes to Fracking Rules, Others Wait**

The Pennsylvania Legislature June 15 voted to delay the state's Clean Power Plan implementation and block regulations for conventional oil and gas drillers, but allowed the state's first fracking rules to go forward....

#### *Forests*

##### **Forest Bill Advances to Grant States Timber Land**

A bill to require the U.S. Forest Service to hand over up to 2 million acres of land to states for more timber harvesting was approved by a congressional committee June 15....

#### *Fuel Efficiency*

##### **EPA Sends Midterm Review of Vehicle Standards to White House**

The White House is reviewing a technical assessment of the feasibility of the Environmental Protection Agency's greenhouse gas emissions standards for passenger vehicles, the first step in a process to determine whether the standards...

#### *Hazardous Waste*

##### **Waste Cleanup Alters Condemned Site's Value, Ruling Says**

West Virginia's highway department properly exercised its eminent domain powers to reduce a private property's value by \$595,000 to account for oil spill cleanup costs at the site, the West Virginia Supreme Court has ruled (State...

#### *Renewable Energy*

**Brexit Wouldn't Impair the U.K.'s Green Ambitions: S&P**  
An exit from the European Union is unlikely to hinder the U.K.'s carbon-reduction goals. While the U.K.'s June 23 referendum asking its citizens to choose between leaving or staying inside the EU will have economic repercussions,...

#### *Renewable Energy*

**Cost of Clean Energy Seen Nosediving Into the Next Decade**

The cost of renewables technology is set to keep falling into the next decade, boosting the economic case for clean energy, according to an industry group....

#### *Renewable Energy*

**India's Utilities Seen Holding Up \$360M for Renewables**  
Some of India's clean energy companies say they haven't received payment for the electricity they generate for as many as 10 months, racking up deficits of \$360 million that may put the country's green power...

#### *Superfund*

**New Mexico Backs Adding Gold King Mine to Superfund List**

New Mexico supports an Environmental Protection Agency proposal to add a former Colorado mining district that includes the Gold King Mine to the list of sites for cleanup under the Superfund program but questions whether the agency should...

#### *Superfund*

**Superfund Will Tackle Larger Environmental Hazards**  
Key drivers of the federal Superfund program in the coming years will include enforcement actions addressing larger sites, remediation projects featuring fewer taxpayer dollars and the reexamination of previously remediated sites, a...

#### *Vehicle Fuels*

**American Drivers Fueling Wave of Deals for Ethanol Makers**

America's renewed love affair with driving could reshape the U.S. ethanol industry....

#### *Water Infrastructure*

**San Jose to Spend \$100 Million on Green Infrastructure**  
Under a tentative settlement announced June 15, San Jose, Calif., will spend \$100 million over the next 10 years on green infrastructure to manage stormwater and reduce trash and other pollutants that flow into creeks and the San Francisco...

#### *Water Pollution*

**High Court May Not Accept Water Rule Suits Over Venue: Attorney**

The U.S. Supreme Court might not accept petitions seeking to resolve whether a federal appeals court or a district court is the appropriate venue to hear lawsuits over the Clean Water Rule, attorneys said June 15....

#### *Water Pollution*

##### **Minnesota Appellate Court Allows NPDES Permit**

The Minnesota Court of Appeals has ruled that the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency can rely on anticipated voluntary pollution reduction measures in granting National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits (Minn. Ctr. for Env'tl....

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